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**Monroe County Recycles** 

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### A letter from your Monroe County Recycling Coordinator

Monroe County's recycling program has come a long way. In five short years we have seen an increase in our recycling rate from 6% to 55%. This impressive improvement was made possible with the hard work of our residents, haulers, and staff, as well as community education and communication. We should all be proud of this dramatic increase but need to realize that there is a lot of work to be done to reach Florida's goal of 75% recycling by 2020. As I spend my time traveling up and down the Keys I see many homes without recycling bins or carts. Are they not aware that they've already paid for the service? Are they afraid that they're not going to do it right? Recycling in Monroe County is simple with single stream, you don't have to sort recyclables, you can put it all in one bin or cart (see our Recycling Refresher at the Curb on Page 3).

In talking with businesses about recycling there seems to be a myth that implementing a recycling program is going to cost them more money. This myth could not be further from the

business will actually save you money. The more you recycle the less garbage you will produce. The less garbage you produce means being able to cut back on the size of containers or frequency of collections from your garbage hauler, reducing your overall cost. Remember, it is a lot less expensive to have your recyclables hauled away than your garbage. The businesses that our recycling department has worked with to do a better job at recycling have been able to save a substantial amount of money.

Let us help your business start saving money today! Contact us at (305) 745-4307 or Basham-Michael@MonroeCounty-FL.Gov. If your business already has a recycling program we can help you expand it. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Michael Basham
Recycling Coordinator

TOGETHER
WE CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
FOR
GENERATIONS
TO COME!



Hauling away recyclables costs less than hauling away garbage.



## THESE KEYS BUSINESSES ARE SAVING MONEY BY RECYCLING RIGHT NOW!

Kaya Island Eats Wendy's Mangrove Mama's Monroe County Schools Salute Ballyhoo's **Baptist Hospital** Bay Harbor Lodge Beall's Outlet Stores Cooke Communications Circle K Stores Family Dollar The Fish House First State Bank The Wharf Bar and Grill Florida Keys Aqueduct The Square Grouper Hidden Harbor Pizza Hut Big Pine Fishing Lodge Stock Island Marina Village

#### BUSINESS 101: LESS TRASH = MORE CASH

If your business still does not recycle on a regular basis, chances are that you are losing money. Financial reports from Monroe County Schools, local governments and utility companies are adding fuel to their recycling efforts because the more you recycle; the less It costs to dispose of trash. Many big businesses are leading the way because it contributes to a sustainable fiscal operation and substantial cost savings.



While they may reap the biggest rewards, small enterprises can save too. With "single stream recycling," all recyclables can go in the same container saving lots of staff time. Dependent upon your business, recyclables can account for up to 62% of your waste.

The Monroe County Solid Waste Department can help by conducting a waste audit as a preliminary step prior to meeting with local service providers. Businesses are encouraged to help others start a recycling program by sharing their recycling experiences and success stories.

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#### HERE'S HOW YOU \$AVE:



<b>EXISTING SERVICE:</b> without recycling	<b>NEW SERVICE:</b> with recycling	YOU \$AVE
4 Yards of Trash 2 Times per Week \$540 Monthly*	2 Yards of Trash 2 Times per Week <b>\$279 Monthly</b> *	\$135*/MO.
	4 Yards of Recycling 1 Time per Week \$126 Monthly*	\$1620*/YR.

\$**\$**\$\$

\* ESTIMATED RATES - Call your local provider for exact rates in your area.

#### SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR TRASH AND RECYCLING

## 2014 RECYCLING DEPARTMENT OUT ON THE TOWN



Seafood Festival with the Waste Management recycle robot.



Publix and Winn Dixie throughout the Florida Keys.



Tropical Fruit Fiesta Stock Island Marina Village.



School classroom demonstrations

# Your business looks good in green!

Start making a difference at your business!



You already recycle at home. Form a Green Team and get started at work!



#### RECYCLING REFRESHER - AT THE CURB

Please do your part and remember these recycling rules:

## RECYCLING ONLY!!

NO FOOD NO TRASH NO PLASTIC BAGS NO STYROFOAM

Please EMPTY containers



Cans



Plastic Containers



Glass
Bottles & Jars
Clear, Brown & Green



#### Handling Your Household Hazardous Waste





Monroe County's Hazardous Waste Department has done a tremendous job in 2013/2014 getting the word out on what to do with your household hazardous waste.

In the first six months of 2014 we have seen 380 more residents participate our program. This means more hazardous waste being disposed of and recycled properly.

Doing this leaves a cleaner and safer environment for us, our children and all the people who visit this paradise we call home.

#### THE WHOLE CREW WORKING AT ONE OF OUR SPECIAL WEEKEND COLLECTIONS.



REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE

#### HELPING LOCAL SCHOOLS PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ELECTRONICS AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE.







# LOOK WHAT WE COLLECTED PROPERLY DISPOSED OF AND RECYCLED

Household Hazardous Waste 70,420 lbs.

E-Waste 130,000 lbs.

0il 153,522 gallons

Oily Water 119,364 gallons

Oil Filters 360 55-gallon drums

> Antifreeze 4,890 gallons

Gasoline 26,643 gallons

Batteries 23,940 lbs.

Mercury-containing Bulbs 11,070

MONROE SAYS ...





#### Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

RESIDENTIAL E-WASTE AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: NO CHARGE

**GASOLINE \$.78 PER GALLON** ANTIFREEZE \$.78 PER GALLON **MERCURY- CONTAINING BULBS \$.50 EACH** 

**BUSINESS E-WASTE \$.0618 PER POUND BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE \$.60 PER POUND** 

**QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL** 305-745-4307



#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SITES AND TIMES

**CUDJOE KEY MARATHON** LONG KEY KEY LARGO

740 Blimp Road Mile Marker 21.5 Gulf Side Aviation Blvd. County Garage Mile Marker 68 Gulf Side

Magnolia Street Recycling Center MM 100.3 Oceanside

ACTABED 201A

10am-2pm

9am-1pm

10am-2pm

10am-2pm

Long Key

Long Key

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**DECEMBER 2014** 

Cudjoe

**Key Largo** 

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**Hazardous Waste or E-Waste Questions?** 

#### **Keep Calm! Call Us: Rosa Washington**

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